

Maynard Finance Committee  
January 24, 2022  
7:02PM – 9:37PM  
Meeting hosted virtually over Zoom

Present from Committee:

Alannah Gustavson, Jillian Prendergast, Ken Estabrook, Elliot Bruce, Peter Campbell, Katie Moore

Present, not Committee:

Natasha Rivera, Hilary Griffiths, Lynda Thayer, Armand Diarbekirian, Lauri Plourde, Jeffrey Swanberg, Gregory Johnson, Jon Canchola, Danielle Ericks, concerned citizens

Alannah called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM, all members present confirmed they could hear.

Greg Johnson started with a review of the town budget. We discussed the budget generally for an hour and a half. The budget is just a proposal so far and there are a lot of inputs into how a budget is arrived at, perhaps most importantly what we actually have to work with. There are demands for the dollars before they are available, and each year is a balancing act. There are certain items that the school committee spent a long-time planning on implementing that the funding does not sound like it is there for. This will be a difficult budget discussion.

Next Alannah presented Katie's minutes from the January 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. Katie motioned to approve, Ken seconded, approved 5-0 with Elliot abstaining. Then we reviewed Elliot's November 22, 2021 minutes. Ken motioned to approve, seconded by Peter, approved 6-0 by rollcall.

We then discussed the Collins forecast and more about the budget. Ken brought up the point that we mostly talk about the spending side, and it may be time to consider the revenues side – meaning a tax override. We will see if the town has the appetite – we are not specifically advocating or not for it, just bringing it up. From commentary on the call, it sounds like there is discussion amongst the town to propose a budget override.

We reviewed the December 13 meeting notes. Ken motioned to approve as amended, seconded by Katie, approved 5-0 by rollcall with Elliot abstaining. Our next meeting is February 7. The agenda will be to make sure we are all on the same page for the 12<sup>th</sup>.

Elliot will be stepping down as secretary, to be replaced by Katie. Alannah moved to appoint her as secretary, seconded by Ken. Approved 6-0 by rollcall. Ken motioned to adjourn, Elliot seconded, approved 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:37PM.

Documents & Exhibits

Budget draft documents

Reserve Fund Balance

\$101,052.29